

SENATOR ELMER: Certainly, Mr. Speaker. Senator Johnson has made reference to not having the time to make out the...to fill out these records, and Senator Schmit has also expressed some doubt. I know very well, from dealing with farmers on fertilizer and pesticide and herbicide activities for many, many years, that the farmer...the farmers, in managing their farm, know well in advance where they plan to put their herbicides, how much they intend to put on, how much they are going to put in each place that they put on themselves. Of course, this would not require them to keep track of all of those things that are...that they order and have done by commercial operators, only those activities that they do themselves. We also know that there are many days that farmers are not able to work in the field due to rain or other natural conditions. These records aren't that hard to keep up. In fact, most of them could make them all out in advance, because they know where and what they're going to put on even by this time of the year, in most cases, and, in most cases, have already purchased their restricted-use herbicides for their use in the planting season. So I think that the idea that there might not be enough time to maintain records just on the restricted herbicides and pesticides is not really a valid argument. And I also believe that if the Department of Environmental Control is going to be able to identify problem areas where restricted-use pesticides have infiltrated or perhaps may infiltrate in the groundwater, then this is an appropriate thing to do. It's no more to ask of any individual and it gives...no more to ask of an individual than it is a commercial operator to keep these kinds of records. It seems appropriate. It seems very germane to what we're trying to do and I would ask your adopt...your help in adopting this amendment to the committee amendments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. We will now vote on the amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 5 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment fails. Do you have items for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, amendments to be printed by Senator Schmit to LB 349; Senator Nelson to LB 226; Senator Baack to